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Dear Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan opposes passage of HB 4833 and HB 4834, the bills to ban certain abortion procedures and to add criminal penalties for violating the ban. These bills criminalize certain legal medical procedures and prohibit a licensed physician from determining what procedures should be used based on the health and well-being of the woman.

The League of Women Voters supports a public policy on reproductive choices that protects the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. Any medical decisions should be made between the patient and physician, not by government.

These bills substitute political decisions for medical decisions. We urge you to oppose passage of HB 4833 and HB 4834.

Sincerely,

Judy Karandjeff

President